

## **Mahoney awarded**

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Duxbury emergency dispatcher Mike Mahoney was honored recently with an award for saving a resident's life by giving CPR instructions during a 911 call.

Mahoney was given the President's Award by Mass Coalition of Police, or Mass COPS, for his actions in helping a 911 caller whose boyfriend had a medical emergency in June.

According to Fire Captain Rob Reardon, Mahoney took the call at Duxbury's emergency dispatch center at the fire headquarters on Tremont Street and guided the woman through CPR on her boyfriend, keeping him alive long enough for the paramedics to get to the house and take him to the hospital. "We got a call from a woman whose boyfriend was having medical problems. Right in front of her, he stopped breathing and his heart stopped beating," said Reardon. "Mike gave CPR instructions to the woman who did not know CPR. He was able to give her step-by-step instructions for chest compressions and told her to perform them to the tune of 'Staying Alive.' That's almost one hundred compressions a minute. Our paramedics arrived within five minutes and started a defibrillator and he was taken to the hospital." Reardon said the man, who was in his 40s, has made a complete recovery. "Today he's fine," he said.

Mahoney has been a dispatcher with Duxbury for a year but was a dispatcher in another community before coming to town. Reardon was proud that the dispatchers and paramedics worked together to save a life. "It's great to see the fruits of their training all come together," he said. "Patient care starts at 911."



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